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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at United Nations Headquarters from 19 March to 6 April 1990. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 19 March 1990, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the thirty-eighth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 5 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the thirty-eighth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its thirty-seventh session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its thirty-eighth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 16 March 1990.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters.

3. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session:

   (a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant;

   (b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights.

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its thirty-seventh session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning second periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the thirty-eighth session and to give further consideration to a draft general comment relating to article 23 of the Covenant.

3. Action by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session

(a) Annual report submitted by the Human Rights Committee under article 45 of the Covenant

In accordance with the Committee's decision at its fifteenth session, the summary records of the Third Committee pertaining to the discussion of the annual report */ together with a note indicating the matters raised in the course of the discussions, as well as relevant General Assembly resolutions and other documentation pertaining to the International Covenants on Human Rights will be circulated to members of the Committee. The text of the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, as adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth session, will also be circulated.

(b) Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

The Committee will have before it the study on possible long-term approaches to enhancing the effective operation of existing and prospective bodies established under United Nations human rights instruments, prepared by an independent expert pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1989/47, General Assembly resolution 44/135, as well as the summary records of the Third Committee's discussion of the related item.

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*/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 40, (A/44/40).

4. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-eighth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 5 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

Viet Nam	Initial report due in 1983	(CCPR/C/26/Add.3)
San Marino	Initial report due in 1987	(CCPR/C/45/Add.1)
India	Second periodic report due in 1985	(CCPR/C/37/Add.13)
Jordan	Second periodic report due in 1987	(CCPR/C/46/Add.4)
Canada	Second periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/51/Add.1)
Zaire	Second periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/57/Add.1)
German Democratic Republic	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.1)
Germany, Federal Republic of	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.3)
Czechoslovakia	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.4)
Tunisia	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.5)
Spain	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.1 and Add.3)
Finland	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.5)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.6)
Sweden	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.7)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya, the Gambia and Zaire which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

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Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the thirty-seventh session (10 November 1989) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	11
Niger	6 June 1987	5
Sudan	17 June 1987	5
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	2

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1983	13
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1983	13
Madagascar	3 August 1983	12
Bulgaria	28 April 1984	12
Cyprus	18 August 1984	12
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	12
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	1
Gambia	21 June 1985	10
Suriname	2 August 1985	9
Venezuela	1 November 1985	9
Lebanon	21 March 1986	8
Kenya	11 April 1986	8
Mali	11 April 1986	8
United Republic of Tanzania	11 April 1986	8
Jamaica	1 August 1986	6
Sri Lanka	10 September 1986	6
Morocco	31 October 1986	6
Netherlands Antilles	31 October 1986	1
Guyana	10 April 1987	6
Iceland	30 October 1987	5
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	4
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	8 February 1988	-
Austria	9 April 1988	3
Peru	9 April 1988	3

Second periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Egypt	13 April 1988	3
Viet Nam	23 December 1988	-
El Salvador	31 December 1988	2
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	1
Gabon a/	20 April 1989	1
Afghanistan	23 April 1989	1
Belgium	20 July 1989	1
Guinea	30 September 1989	1

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Iran (Islamic Republic of) b/	21 March 1988	3
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya b/	4 February 1988	3
Lebanon b/	21 March 1988	3
Panama	6 June 1988	-
Madagascar b/	3 August 1988	3
Yugoslavia	3 August 1988	3
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	4 November 1988	3
Dominican Republic	3 April 1989	-
Bulgaria b/	28 April 1989	1
Romania	28 April 1989	1
Cyprus b/	18 August 1989	1
Syrian Arab Republic b/	18 August 1989	1
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	18 August 1989	1
Poland	27 October 1989	1
Ecuador	4 November 1989	1

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a/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

b/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's thirty-seventh session (10 November 1989) and the closing date of its thirty-eighth session (6 April 1990)

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due
Luxembourg	17 November 1989
Congo	4 January 1990

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990
Uruguay	21 March 1990
New Zealand	27 March 1990
Canada	4 April 1990
Iraq	4 April 1990
Mongolia	4 April 1990
Senegal	4 April 1990

5. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the thirty-eighth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Argentina (initial)	CCPR/C/45/Add.2	Monday, p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	19 March 1990 21 March 1990
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (initial)	CCPR/C/26/Add.4	Tuesday, a.m. Thursday, a.m.	20 March 1990 22 March 1990
Costa Rica (second periodic)	CCPR/C/37/Add.10	Thursday, p.m. Friday, a.m./p.m.	22 March 1990 23 March 1990
Panama c/ (second periodic)	CCPR/C/42/Add.7	Tuesday, a.m./p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	27 March 1990 28 March 1990
Dominican Republic (second periodic)	CCPR/C/32/Add.16	Thursday, a.m./p.m. Friday, a.m.	29 March 1990 30 March 1990
Nicaragua (second periodic)	CCPR/C/42/Add.8	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	2 April 1990 3 April 1990

c/ In accordance with the decision adopted by the Committee at its 601st meeting, the supplementary report of Panama, as contained in document CCPR/C/4/Add.9, will be considered together with its second periodic report.

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-eighth session.

If submitted by the Working Group, the Committee is also expected to consider, under this item, a draft general comment relating to article 23 of the Covenant.

6. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and twenty-five communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 29 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views, 78 cases may be considered for a decision as to whether they merit transferral to the State party under rule 91. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 9 to 27 July 1990. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 9 July 1990, at 10.30 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the thirty-ninth session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 33 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Covenant or the Optional Protocol that the meetings should be held in private.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4 which contain the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the thirty-ninth session. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties may be present at the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

5. At its thirty-eighth session, the Committee decided that two working groups, established under rules 62 and 89 of its rules of procedure, should meet for a period of one week prior to its thirty-ninth session. The working groups are scheduled to meet at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 2 to 6 July 1990.

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda.

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3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant.

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5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant.

6. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol.

ANNOTATIONS

1. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. In accordance with rule 9, during a session, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

2. Organizational and other matters

Under this item, the Committee will consider its programme of work for the session. In this connection, it may be noted that the Committee decided at its thirty-eighth session to set up, in addition to the pre-sessional working group on communications, a working group under article 40 of the Covenant to prepare concise lists of issues concerning second and third periodic reports scheduled for consideration at the thirty-ninth session; to give further consideration to a draft general comment relating to article 23 of the Covenant; and to review the conclusions and recommendations contained in the study on possible long-term approaches to the supervision of existing and new instruments on human rights (A/44/668) of relevance to the activities of the Committee.

3. Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

Reports received

In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-ninth session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the reports of the following States parties:

India	Second periodic report due in 1985	(CCPR/C/37/Add.13)
Sri Lanka	Second periodic report due in 1986	(CCPR/C/42/Add.9)
Morocco	Second periodic report due in 1986	(CCPR/C/42/Add.10)
Jordan	Second periodic report due in 1987	(CCPR/C/46/Add.4)
Canada	Second periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/51/Add.1)
German Democratic Republic	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.1)
Czechoslovakia	Third periodic report due in 1988	(CCPR/C/52/Add.4)
Spain	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.1 and Add.3)
Finland	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.5)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.6)
Sweden	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.7)
Ukrainian SSR	Third periodic report due in 1989	(CCPR/C/58/Add.8)

The Secretary-General has also received supplementary reports from Kenya and the Gambia which the Committee will consider together with those States parties' second periodic reports.

Reports due

The situation with regard to the submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant is as follows:

States parties whose reports were due by the closing date of the thirty-eighth session (6 April 1990) but have not yet been received

Initial reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Gabon	20 April 1984	12
Niger	6 June 1987	6
Sudan	17 June 1987	6
Equatorial Guinea	24 December 1988	3

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4 February 1983	14
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	21 March 1983	14
Madagascar	3 August 1983	13
Bulgaria	28 April 1984	13
Cyprus	18 August 1984	13
Syrian Arab Republic	18 August 1984	13
New Zealand - Cook Islands	27 March 1985	2
Gambia	21 June 1985	11
Suriname	2 August 1985	10
Venezuela	1 November 1985	10
Lebanon	21 March 1986	9
Kenya	11 April 1986	9
Mali	11 April 1986	9
United Republic of Tanzania	11 April 1986	9
Jamaica	1 August 1986	7
Netherlands Antilles	31 October 1986	2
Guyana	10 April 1987	7
Iceland	30 October 1987	6
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	13 December 1987	5
Austria	9 April 1988	4
Peru	9 April 1988	4
Egypt	13 April 1988	4
Viet Nam	23 December 1988	-
El Salvador	31 December 1988	3
Central African Republic	9 April 1989	2
Gabon a/	20 April 1989	2

a/ The State party's initial report has not yet been received.

Second periodic reports (continued)

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Afghanistan	23 April 1989	2
Belgium	20 July 1989	2
Guinea	30 September 1989	2
Luxembourg	17 November 1989	1
Congo	4 January 1990	1

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Iran (Islamic Republic of) b/	21 March 1988	4
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya b/	4 February 1988	4
Lebanon b/	21 March 1988	4
Panama	6 June 1988	-
Madagascar b/	3 August 1988	4
Yugoslavia	3 August 1988	4
Byelorussian SSR	4 November 1988	4
Bulgaria b/	28 April 1989	2
Romania	28 April 1989	2
Cyprus b/	18 August 1989	2
Syrian Arab Republic b/	18 August 1989	2
Poland	27 October 1989	2
Ecuador	4 November 1989	2
Trinidad and Tobago	20 March 1990	1
Uruguay	21 March 1990	1
New Zealand	27 March 1990	1
Canada	4 April 1990	-
Iraq	4 April 1990	1
Mongolia	4 April 1990	1
Senegal	4 April 1990	1

States parties whose reports are to be submitted between the closing date of the Committee's thirty-eighth session (6 April 1990) and the closing date of its thirty-ninth session (27 July 1990)

Second periodic reports

State party	Date due
Zambia	9 July 1990
Bolivia	13 July 1990

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b/ The State party's second periodic report has not yet been received.

Third periodic reports

State party	Date due
Gambia b/	21 June 1990
India	9 July 1990
Mauritius	18 July 1990

4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant

A tentative timetable for the consideration of reports at the thirty-ninth session, prepared in consultation with the Chairman and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below:

Timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

San Marino (initial)	CCPR/C/45/Add.1	Monday, p.m. Wednesday, a.m.	9 July 1990 11 July 1990
Viet Nam (initial)	CCPR/C/26/Add.3	Tuesday, a.m. Thursday, a.m.	10 July 1990 12 July 1990
Zaire c/ (second periodic)	CCPR/C/57/Add.1	Thursday, p.m. Friday, a.m./p.m.	12 July 1990 13 July 1990
Tunisia (third periodic)	CCPR/C/52/Add.5	Monday, a.m./p.m. Tuesday, a.m.	16 July 1990 17 July 1990
Panama d/ (second periodic)	CCPR/C/42/Add.7	Wednesday, a.m./p.m. Thursday, a.m.	18 July 1990 19 July 1990

In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their respective reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-ninth session.

If submitted by the Working Group, the Committee is also expected to consider, under this item, a draft general comment relating to article 23 of the Covenant.

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c/ In accordance with the Committee's decision, the supplementary report of Zaire, as contained in document CCPR/C/4/Add.11, will be considered together with its second periodic report.

d/ In accordance with the Committee's decision, the supplementary report of Panama, as contained in document CCPR/C/4/Add.9, will be considered together with its second periodic report.

5. Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XVII of the rules of procedure, the Committee will consider under this item communications which are or appear to be submitted to it under the Optional Protocol.

One hundred and twenty-three communications are pending before the Committee from earlier sessions. Taking into account the deadlines established by the Committee for submission of further information from the parties, 34 cases (earlier declared admissible) may be considered for the adoption of final views, 78 cases may be considered for a decision on admissibility and 9 cases are to be considered for a decision as to whether they merit transferral to the State party under rule 91. In addition, the Committee will have before it summaries of new communications registered after its last session, together with an indication of any action which may have been taken by the Special Rapporteur for new communications.

In accordance with article 5, paragraph 3, of the Optional Protocol and rule 82 of the rules of procedure, this agenda item will be considered in closed meetings.

6. Annual report of the Committee to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council under article 45 of the Covenant and article 6 of the Optional Protocol

Under Article 45 of the Covenant, the Committee is to submit to the General Assembly, through the Economic and Social Council, an annual report on its activities. Article 6 of the Optional Protocol provides that the Committee shall include in its annual report a summary of its activities under the Protocol.

At its fifth session, the Committee decided that, beginning with 1979, it would adopt its annual report at the end of its second annual (summer) session, for appropriate transmission to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council. Accordingly, the annual report of the Committee in 1990 will cover the activities of the Committee at its thirty-seventh (October/November 1989), thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions.